

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An imaging apparatus comprising:
a charge discharging device configured to discharge ~~for discharging~~ charge accumulated in an imaging device for a term and for canceling exposure in [[a]] the term for discharging the charge;
a mechanical shutter configured to shield ~~light shielding device for shielding light, by a mechanical shutter;~~ and
a control device ~~for hastening by a predetermined time~~ said configured to control the discharging term for discharging the charge and a shielding timing of the said mechanical shutter device,
wherein the control device includes a computing device for measuring a brightness of a subject and computing an exposure time for recording the subject from the measured brightness, and comparing the computed exposure time with an image recording term of one frame, if the computed exposure time a shutter speed for recording a subject is more is shorter than the image recording term of one frame, the discharging term is shortened and the shielding timing is hastened under the control of the control device a predetermined time.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the computed exposure time is shorter than half time of the said predetermined time corresponds to about half time of a term of a vertical synchronous signal representing an image recording term of one frame.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An imaging A method for imaging a subject, controlling an amount of exposure, comprising the steps of:

a step for discharging charge accumulated in an imaging device for a term and for canceling exposure in the [[a]] term for discharging the charge;

a step for shielding light by a mechanical shutter device; and

measuring brightness of a subject and computer an exposure time for recording the subject from the measured brightness,

controlling the discharging term for discharging the charge and a shielding timing of the mechanical shutter device,

wherein the computed exposure time is compared with an image recording term of one frame, and the a step for hastening said discharging term for discharging the charge is shortened and [[a]] the light shielding timing of said the mechanical shutter device is hastened by the term of discharging the charge, computed based on a predetermined shutter speed, if the computed exposure time a shutter speed for recording [[a]] the subject is more shorter than a predetermined time corresponding to about half time of a vertical synchronous signal term representing an the image recording term of one frame.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A recording medium for recording a program of said imaging method as recited in claim 4, said the program being readable by a computer.

Claim 6 (New): The method for imaging a subject according to claim 3, wherein the computed exposure time is shorter than half of the image recording term of one frame.

Claim 7 (New): A recording medium for recording a program of the imaging method as recite in claim 4, the program being readable by a computer.